LIFE IN THE GARDEN

Let your imagination grow

The Arboretum

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

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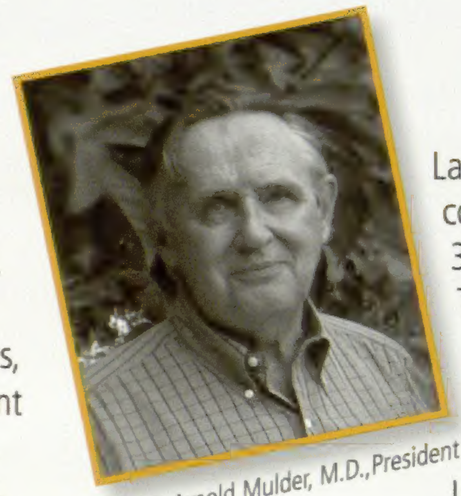
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Los Voluntarios

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D., President



G. Arnold Mulder, M.D., President

In the previous issue, I wrote about why I think The Arboretum is important and needs all our support. This month I would like to highlight the contributions of our volunteer supporters, Los Voluntarios, who are a very important part of what makes The Arboretum tick.

Shortly after World War II, the site of The Arboretum had been surveyed for development and sale. It was saved by a farsighted and capable group of citizens from Los Angeles, who cared about horticulture and who had the vision to realize what a treasure the Baldwin Ranch was. They realized that Los Angeles would be a great metropolitan area. Residential building was increasing at an explosive rate. Space for resources such as large parks, gardens, and botanical gardens would not be available for long. Because these men were movers and shakers, they were able to persuade the state and the county to buy the ranch for us, and they created The Arboretum.

One of the first directors was Bill Stewart, and with him came his enterprising, imaginative, and energetic wife, Maria. They were here for 15 years and did many wonderful things for the Los Angeles horticultural scene. One of the many great ideas that Maria had was to get a group of her friends to volunteer and assist the staff at The Arboretum. This group grew and took on more duties and in time became Las Voluntarias (now changed to let men help, too). How lucky we are to have them!

Last year, 236 "Vols" contributed approximately 30,000 hours of service to The Arboretum. Without them, many of the ways the garden serves the public would have to be curtailed.

Los Vols assist The Arboretum staff in the maintenance of the gardens, in the gift shop and at the Santa Anita Depot. They help in the historic areas, the library, the propagation nursery, the Rose Garden, the Herb Garden, their own Garden for all Seasons, and in lots more areas. They serve as guides and help with public inquiries. They help with educational classes. They lead school tours and maintain a speakers' bureau. I could go on a lot longer, but you get the idea. With the Baldwin Bonanza (a Los Vols creation) about to start, the Vols are, of course, involved in many aspects of its production.

So, the Vols are a very important part of the institution and its history. The Board of Trustees of The Arboretum Foundation is very aware of how much they do, and we are indeed grateful.

Over the next few years, as our CEO, Mark Wourms, his staff, Los Angeles County and The Arboretum Foundation work toward implementing our long-term goals, the contributions of the Vols and their input will be an integral part of our planning process.

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For Love of Family

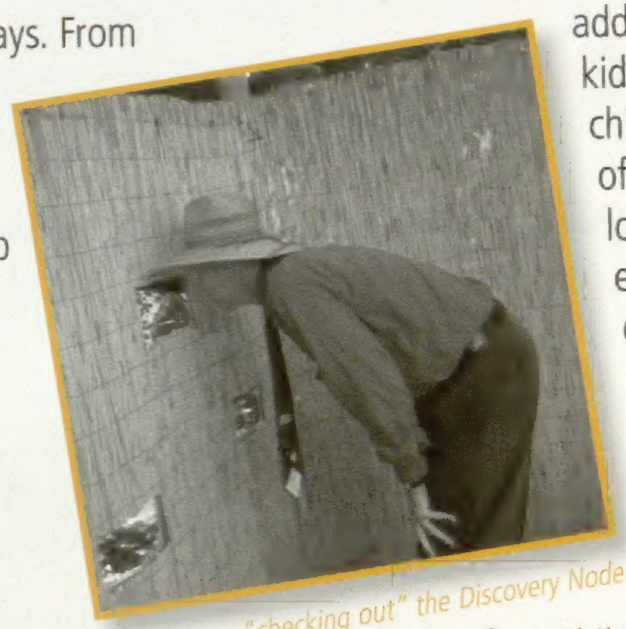
Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D., CEO

A theme like *Life in the Garden* can be played out in so many ways. From Mother Nature's amazing flowers and myriad shaped leaves that attract us all, to the turtles and koi, which gulp bread tossed by our 250,000 annual visitors, The Arboretum is bursting with life.

The Arboretum is unique. It has some characteristics, which provide a strong platform from which we can build an ever more stable, stronger and more relevant organization. We have 127 acres of rolling open space and plant collections, select mountain views – this is prime real estate. We have two major waterways, which attract wildlife while reflecting the images of two of our three beautiful historic structures. And we have amazing, fun and educational programs and special events, which attract the entire community.

Their imaginations will run wild while enjoying healthy activity and imbibing important education principles.

These characteristics also make The Arboretum an ideal place for a family to spend time together. For love of family – of all sizes, shapes and compositions – The Arboretum is developing a series of projects that will make us even more family friendly. The first of these family concepts addresses the benefits of letting kids be kids in nature. We want children, families and groups of students to discover special locations in the garden where experiences are designed especially for them. Their imaginations will run wild while enjoying healthy activity and imbibing important education principles.



Dr. Wourms "checking out" the Discovery Node

Our first Children's Discovery Node, thanks to the generosity of a local donor, has been completed and is located between the Tule Pond and the Roots and Shoots Garden. A "node" is the point on a stem where a leaf attaches. It is also the point from which most new growth occurs! Our Children's Discovery Nodes will encourage new growth in our children, a new appreciation for nature and will encourage them to find their places in the world. With the help of a few more donors we will construct two to three more Children's Discovery Nodes in other areas of The Arboretum each with a unique theme that conveys a multitude of education principles. We will learn a lot of lessons from this first node which will assist us with future children's discovery areas, as well as allow us to extrapolate these observations to make the entire Arboretum experience even more family friendly.

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, . . see you in the garden.

PLANTS & PEOPLE

Discover the plants in the new Discovery Node

Dr. Jim Bauml, Ph.D., Senior Biologist

Like a reptile emerging out of the mud and into the cool and fertile air of spring, a new and exciting exhibit has appeared out of nowhere in the tree-studded lawn area east of the Tule Pond. The centerpieces include a turtle, a maze, and a privacy fence to view wildlife on the adjacent waters. This article covers the diversity of plants selected to add beauty and interest to this area.

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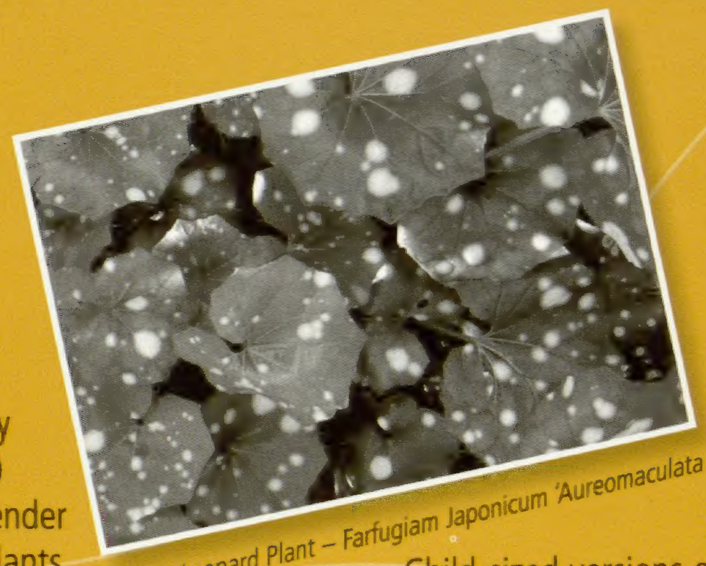
Pittosporum Shima

At the entrance, an arbor of bamboo welcomes you into this magical zone. A matching child-scale matching bamboo fence defines the shoreline. The arbor and fence were cut, drilled and assembled artistically by Arboretum staff using canes of the running timber bamboo *(Phyllostachys vivax)* and a waxy-coated form of the black bamboo *(P. nigra 'Bory')*. Planted on the corners of the bamboo arbor are *Passiflora* 'Lavender Lady' an ornamental selection of the Passion vine with complex and interesting flowers in purple shades.

Adjacent to the Roots and Shoots children's gardening area, the low maze is walled with fragrant rosemary *(Rosmarinus officinalis* 'Tuscan Blue') and bordered by colorful Spanish lavender (*Lavandula stoechas* 'Hazel'). Both plants are tough and fragrant and don't mind being brushed or bumped to release their strong pleasant scents. Along the fence of the adjacent garden are two delightfully fragrant Chinese jasmine vines (Jasminum polyanthum).

Passiflora Vitifolia

Two tunnels have been installed to provide a mysterious experience. The grape-leaved passion fruit (*Passiflora vitifolia* 'Scarlet Flame') with its large red flowers and edible fruits is planted on the larger structure. The smaller tunnel will be planted with gourd vines that will produce tiny (child-sized) gourds. Both vine covers provide shade, privacy and beauty.



Leopard Plant – Farfugiam Japonicum 'Aureomaculata

Child-sized versions of some normally larger landscape plants have been used to miniaturize the setting. These selections include variegated dwarf mock orange (*Pittosporum tobira* 'Shima') and smaller versions of New Zealand flax (*Phormium* 'Jack Spratt' and 'Tom Thumb').

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To add interest, the unusual Buddha's hand citron, *Citrus medica* 'Fingered', is planted near the maze to amaze visitors with its distinctive fruits broken into numerous distinct segments like fingers. The Leopard plant (*Farfugium japonicum* 'Aureo-maculata') with its dramatic spotted leaves brightens the landscape close by.

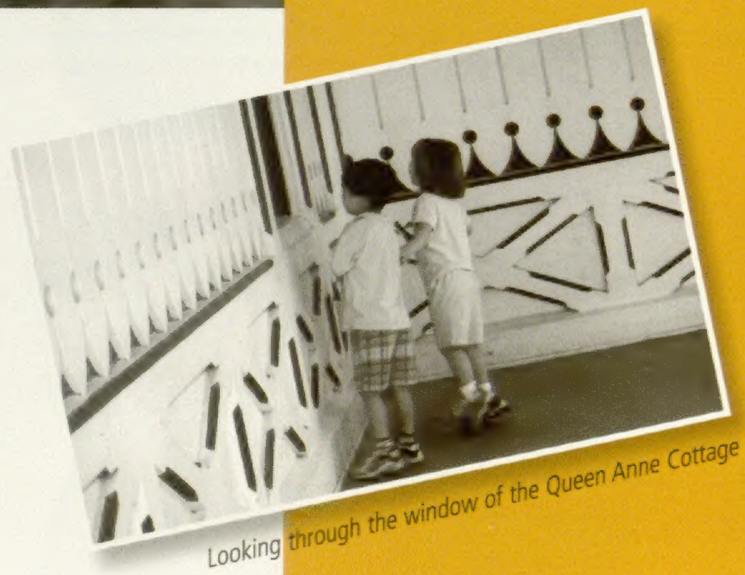
Both the structures and the plantings in this new exhibit combine to create a special place for children of all ages to learn and have fun.

CALENDAR

May 8; 10am to 4pm

MOTHER'S DAY AT THE QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE

Don't just peek through the windows of the Queen Anne Cottage - enjoy it from the inside out with the company of the mother figure in your life. Take a look into the past as you admire the beauty of the newly painted exterior of this late 19th century treasure with its marble terrace and Victorian furnishings. Music will provide a lively ambience throughout the day. The companion Coach Barn and Santa Anita Depot will also be open.



Looking through the window of the Queen Anne Cottage

May 21; 9am-4.30pm

3RD ANNUAL KOREAN GARDEN FESTIVAL

This all day cultural event will highlight the Korean culture and turn our open green lawn into a Korean village. Several garden displays designed by local Korean landscape designers, will highlight the festival. The Korean Village will also feature a food court with traditional foods, various forms of traditional music and dance; including a children's choir, art exhibition, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, and lectures on gardening.

Go to www.arboretum.org to see a listing of all our upcoming events

PLANT AHEAD

46TH ANNUAL EPIPHYLLUM SHOW & SALE May 14 & 15; 9am-4pm

Treat yourself to viewing these unusual and gorgeous flowers. Enjoy demonstrations, photographs and presentations.

SANTA ANITA BONSAI SHOW & SALE May 28 & 30; 9:30am-5pm

A display of trees trained to look like miniature forest giants. Trees up to four feet tall such as maples, junipers and pines will be displayed. Enjoy demonstrations and learn about bonsai culture.

DAYLILY SHOW & PLANT SALE June 4; 9am-4pm

See daylilies in shades of yellow, red, white, salmon, orange, and bicolors. The show features educational displays and demonstrations. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions.

MAKE A DATE

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Festival on the Green

July 2 - September 10

The Arboretum

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May June July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 **Baldwin Bonanza** 9am-4.30pm Garden Chats 11am-2pm Kids Corner 11am-1pm		3 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	4 Don't Forget Mother's Day, May 8th	5	6 Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	7 Botanical Illustration II 9.30am-4.30pm
8 **Mother's Day** Queen Anne Cottage Open Day Botanical Illustration II 9.30am-4.30pm	9 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	10 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	11 Fresh Cooking Class Chef Tom Small 3-5pm	12 Call the plant information line		14 Epiphyium Show Garden Sprouts Family Adventures Tea Time Irrigation Design 9am-12 pm
15 Epiphylum Show 9am-4pm Gardening 101 2 - 4pm	16 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	17 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	18 **Don't Forget to renew your membership**	19 Korean Garden Festival 9.30am to 4.30pm	20	21 Plant Study: Clematis 10am-5pm
	23 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	24		26 Visit the Santa Anita Depot		28 Santa Anita Bonsai Show 9.30am-5pm
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12 Call the plant information line 626-821-3239	13 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	14 Kid's Art 9.30-10.30am	15 Visit the Santa Anita Depot		17 Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	18
19 Father's Day Visit the Tropical Greenhouse	20 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	21 **Summer begins enjoy a Cal-Phil Concert** Kid's Art 9.30-10.30am		23	24 Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	25 Plant Study: Coffee 10am-5pm
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For detailed information on these events and classes go to www.arboretum.org and click on calendar.
To register for a class or series, please call the class information line 626.821.4623
Pre-registration is required for most classes.
For membership information call 626.821.3233

KIDS IN NATURE

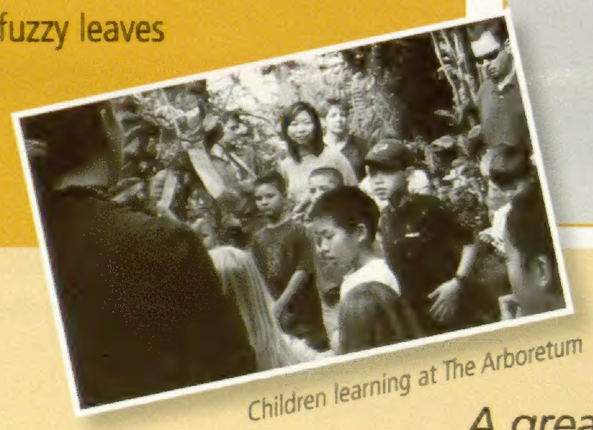
Lisa Beach, Youth Program Manager

A naturalist is someone who studies, appreciates, and enjoys the natural world around them. There are many ways your family can become naturalists by becoming Arboretum Explorers.

Take advantage of our wide-open green spaces and hidden treasures, the hiding places and nooks and crannies where animals live! Make The Arboretum your family fun place by discovering it's many natural treasures together!

Bring this ecology hunt activity with you the next time you stop by and see how many items you can discover while you are here! (Remember to leave things where you find them to preserve the ecology of The Arboretum.)

- ☐ 3 feathers
- ☐ 4 winged insects
- ☐ 6 different species of birds
- ☐ 2 lizards
- ☐ 2 spiders
- ☐ 3 happy Arboretum employees or volunteers
- ☐ 2 puddles (is anyone living in them?)
- ☐ 3 round leaves
- ☐ 3 pointed leaves
- ☐ 1 rotten log (who is living there?)
- ☐ 1 white bird (look around the main entrance)
- ☐ 4 flowering trees
- ☐ 4 trees with berries
- ☐ 4 trees with smooth bark
- ☐ 4 trees with rough bark
- ☐ 3 plants with fuzzy leaves



Children learning at The Arboretum

Spring Garden Tour

Saturday, May 14, 2005

10am-3pm

Tour Fabulous Gardens of the
San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire

$10 per person

Proceeds go to support
The Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden

Tickets may be purchased at Armstrong Garden Centers.

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CONNECT

Nature Nuts

Be sure to sign up for The Arboretum's summer camp program.
Learn many ways plants are grown and used! Wilderness Adventures, Cooking from the Garden, Arboretum Art, and Youth Gardening!

This summer camp is a two-week camp that runs Monday – Friday, July 18 – 29.

To register call the class reservation line at 626.821.4623.

A great new class by KidsArt

A step-by-step method for kids ages 4–12.

Basic drawing skills to help kids create artwork.
A fun and inspiring skill they will enjoy for the rest of their lives!

2 Five-Week Sessions: June 14 - July 12 and August 2 - August 30
5 Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM | $75.00, includes materials.

Call Rama at 818.248-2764 for information and registration.

MEET AND GREET

The Development Manager

When February of this year rolled around, The Arboretum hoped it would gain a dynamic person like Kathy Kwan to join our team. Kathy's first order of business…"To build a foundation that will continue to encompass The Arboretum's mission and long-term development goals."

Photo by Clyde Reavis

Kathy Kwan

As the Development Manager, Kathy is reminded of the big picture everyday. She has a passion to share The Arboretum with the community and families everywhere. Kathy's love for serenity and beautiful things makes her excited to be here and eager to help. "I believe in preserving things that are right in front of us…and sometimes that means taking action…whether it's in the form of volunteering or writing a check."

Kathy's vision for the future of The Arboretum is encouraging. She has come to know how important partnerships, community, corporations, local businesses, and teamwork are. "The only way we're going to be able to make a bigger impact is if we do it together."

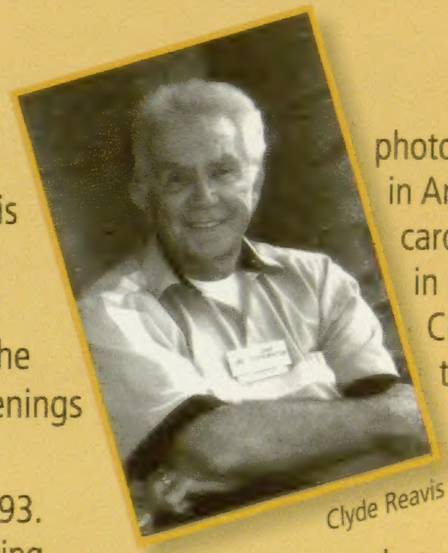
Kathy comes to us with a MBA from Pepperdine University and an international supplement to her education in global management from Oxford University.

With such strong mentors like her mother and grandmothers, Kathy knows what it means to believe in the tenacity of the human spirit.

We are excited to welcome her passion and enthusiasm, to the Arboretum family.

Volunteer of the Year

Photographer Clyde Reavis, this year's County of Los Angeles Adult Volunteer of the Year, is on duty rain or shine documenting the ordinary and extraordinary happenings at The Arboretum.



Clyde Reavis

Clyde joined Los Voluntarios in 1993. However, he has been photographing The Arboretum since the 1970s and has amassed over 2,500 volunteer hours during his 25+ years of service. Clyde refers to The Arboretum as "his second home."

The Arboretum archives are lined with Clyde's photographs, and they can be seen in Arboretum publications and post cards, and have been published in newspapers and magazines. Clyde also shoots weddings, television and motion picture productions, and special events.

Clyde is a retired professional photographer and camera shop owner and served as a combat photographer in the United States Air Force. He has a wealth of experience, and we are fortunate to have such a talented member of our team.

Congratulations, Clyde!

GRAPEVINE

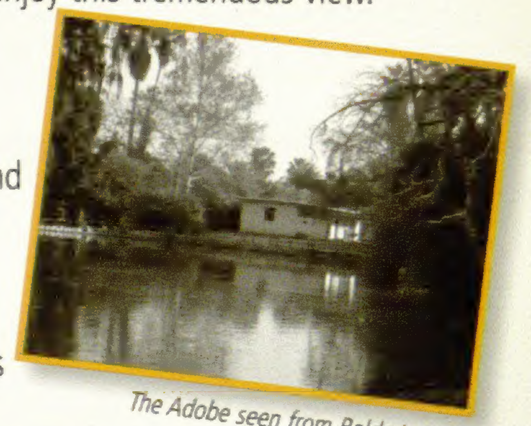
Easter celebration made over 500 families smile

The first annual Easter Celebration held on the Bauer Lawn brought in over 500 families to enjoy an Easter egg hunt, educational make and take projects, an egg relay race, refreshments and prizes. This fun-filled event brought children of all ages to hunt for Easter surprises to their hearts content. Mother nature and its loyal sunny companion made a lovely appearance on that day. If you missed it this year, look out for it next year. It'll be bigger and better!

Easter Egg Hunt

A new view to one of our pride and joys

As you walk towards the beautiful historic circle – take notice of three of our four historic structures reflected upon the Baldwin Lake. The recent removal of the walls surrounding the Adobe now allows everyone to enjoy this tremendous view. Over the years, these walls had deteriorated and became a safety hazard for our visitors. Continuous work is being done to give a new and fresh look to our historical section – one of our pride and joys. A few recent additions to look out for are – a new American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant drinking fountain and emergency telephone near the Queen Anne Cottage.



The Adobe seen from Baldwin Lake

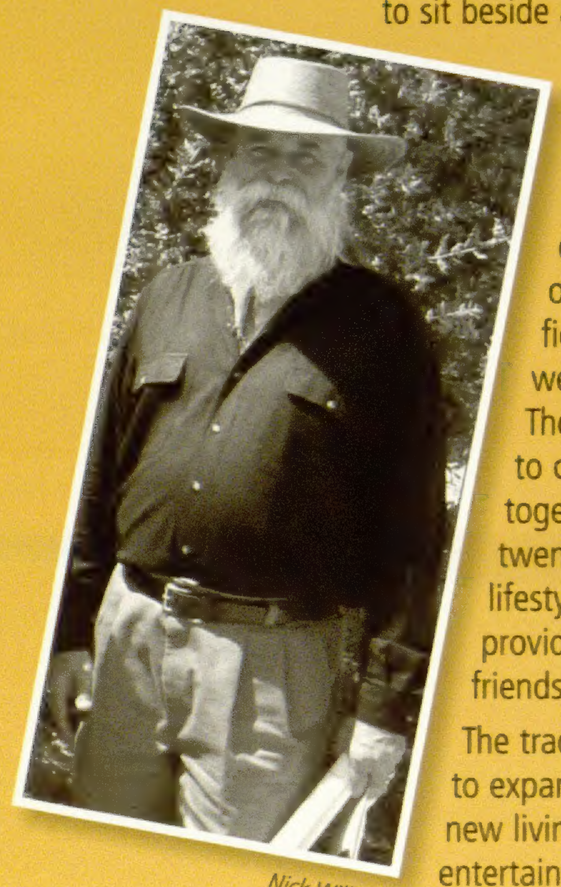
The Arboretum

DISCOVERY TRAILS

Life in the Garden

Nick Williams, Nick Williams & Associates, Inc.

My wife and I had some friends out to visit from the East Coast over this past holiday season. In the course of our daily entertaining we would find ourselves munching and talking from the kitchen to the living and dining rooms, out to the brick patio beneath the oak trees, on to the umbrella-covered observation deck, and finally to the covered outdoor "living room" to sit beside a warm fire at the end of the day. The one thing we heard over and over was, "You're so lucky to live in Southern California and be able to enjoy your yard all year long!"



Nick Williams

It's true that life in the garden and the concept of outdoor living have been long-standing trademarks of Southern California. I can still recall my first school field trip to the Los Angeles County Arboretum where we visited the then new Sunset Demonstration Gardens. The notion of capturing portions of the outdoor garden to convert into living space where families would gather together made a huge impression upon me. Now in the twenty-first century, where technology and fast-paced lifestyles detract from socialization, garden getaways provide the perfect setting for reconnections with family and friends.

The traditional patio overheads of yesteryear have given way to expanded self-contained outdoor "living rooms". These new living spaces come complete with fireplaces, barbeques, entertainment centers, and even pizza ovens, launching outdoor entertaining to new and thrilling heights. Exciting new paving materials, manufactured stone, tiles, outdoor stereo speakers, and low voltage lighting have all shown up on the scene to further enhance the homeowner's experience of their own private garden paradise. All of this, surrounded by the colors and textures of hand-chosen plants, becomes the place that nobody wants to leave!

In our busy days of rushing around, meeting deadlines, and handling our daily pressures, it is important that we seek balance. And it is when you get the opportunity to witness firsthand the seamless, comfortable merging of indoors and outdoors that you will know you are truly home.

(*We were honored to be invited by Sunset Magazine to develop two of the newly renovated Sunset Demonstration Gardens at the Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, and we invite you to visit and experience outdoor living spaces for yourself.) www.nickwilliamsdesigns.com

Sunset Demonstration Garden

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Lisa M. Beach, Youth Program Manager

We like to think of children as our visitors of the future. Just like today when we hear from the casual visitor how nice it is to be back with their families, as they remember coming here and hiding among the bamboo trails during a 4th grade field trip, we hope the children of today bring back their families someday.

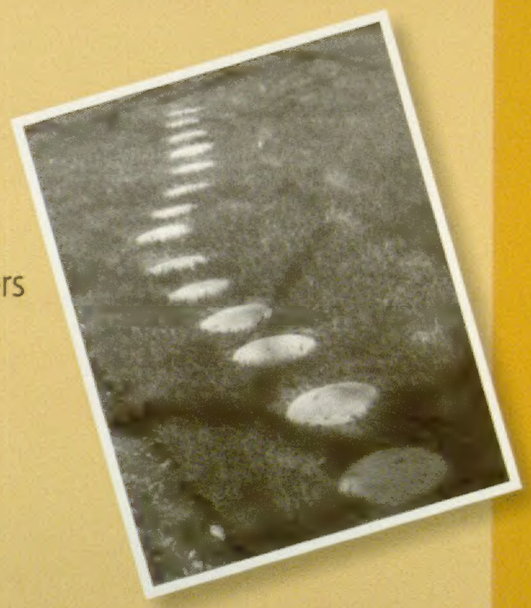
At the new Discovery Node, you'll find a variety of new activities for children of all ages to enjoy and explore. My hope as an educator is to provide our visiting children a new place to discover, a place to inspire creativity and the use of their imaginations. With tunnels to explore and a wildlife viewing station to peer through, a scented maze that will amaze them with fragrant plants, this new discovery node perfectly compliments one of our already fantastically attractive spots.

Whether you are learning your ABC's walking along the stepping stones, guessing which plant smells like chocolate near the maze, learning which bird is standing on one leg at the wildlife station, or just simply resting under a cool tree, this little corner of The Arboretum will inspire the child in all of us.

Stepping into the future

You and your loved ones can now create a stepping stone in your family's name. A limited supply are available for families to adorn for $250. Limited to members and one stepping stone per family.

Contact Kathy M. Kwan 626.821.3237.



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